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passengers from this port, 4 ; passengers in transit, 31 ; baggage disinfected, 7 pieces.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec and Halifax.

QUEBEC, CANADA, *May 18, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 17, there were inspected 914 immigrants ; passed, 902 ; detained, 12. * * *

At the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the week ended May 17, there were inspected 167 immigrants ; passed, 163 ; detained, 4. * * *

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Correction.

QUEBEC, CANADA, *May 19, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to request that following correction be made in my report for the week ended May 17 :

Instead of 914 immigrants inspected and 902 passed, it should read 814 inspected and 802 passed.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Plague, cholera, and smallpox.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *April 15, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended April 12, 1902.

Nine vessels were inspected during the week, 493 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 635 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam.

The sanitary report for the week shows that there were 3 cases of plague and 3 deaths. Two of the cases were among the Portuguese population. For the corresponding week last year there were 18 cases of plague and 20 deaths.

The cholera situation remains about the same, 22 cases and 21 deaths having been reported. The cases have all been among the lowest class of Chinese—people who live in the most unhygienic way and depend for their water and food supply on outside sources. It is safe to say that the Government water supply has not been infected and when sufficient for the needs of the entire population the epidemic will subside. There were also 2 cases of enteric fever during the week, 1 having been imported from Canton.

Information from Hon. R. M. McWade, United States consul at Canton, dated April 12, states that cholera still lingers in that city, that the disease is still epidemic in Honam (south side of the river), but that it gives signs of abatement. He also states that plague has broken out and several deaths have occurred. A dispatch from Yeung Kong reports that the towns and surrounding villages near Yeung Kong are suffering from a severe attack of plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *April 22, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station for the week ended April 19, 1902. Three vessels were inspected, 240 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 376 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam. There were 3 rejections because of fever. The sanitary reports for the week show that the following communicable diseases occurred in the colony, viz, 7 cases of plague and 6 deaths; 24 cases of cholera and 21 deaths; 1 case of enteric fever and 1 death; 1 case of puerperal fever terminating fatally, and 4 cases of smallpox and 2 deaths. The total cases and deaths due to cholera since the beginning of the epidemic (March 4) up to April 19, are, therefore, 121 and 107, respectively. Judging from the figures, there was no improvement during the week, and unless the rains soon come a further increase in cases can but be expected. Information from the United States consul at Foochow states that up until April 10 no cases of cholera had occurred in that district. The disease still continues in the Canton district.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague reported epidemic at Kityang, Taileung, and Canton.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 19, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to advise you, for the information of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, that the Department is in receipt of a telegram from the consul of the United States at Canton, China, dated the 16th instant, which reads as follows: "Plague epidemic Kityang, Taileung, and Canton."

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

COLOMBIA.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 13, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 12, 1902:

Population according to census, not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, 1 case; deaths, none; number